(b) The steps taken to boost exports include:—

— sending trade delegations to identified markets of FCV tobacco and products.

— Participation in international exhibitions.

— Aggresive publicity in overseas markets.

— Pursuing with Governments through Joint Committee meeting etc. to import Indian tobacco products.

— Psomoting export oriented units for export of cigarettes and cut tobacco.

— Permitting foreign investment in cigarette industry mainly for export of cigarettes and value added products.

— Permitting cigarette manufacturers to import various items with a view to enable them to undertake product development.

— Undertaking packaging development for products like bidis, hookah tobacco paste with the help of Indian Institute of Packaging.

Indo-German Trade

6287. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the area and level of trade between India and Germany as on 1st April, 1994;

(b) whether Prime Minister's visit to Germany has boosted our trade with that country; and

(c) the steps being taken to boost trade with Germany?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Total trade between India and Germany for the period 1st April, 1993 to 31st January, 1994 stood at Rs. 8451 crores (approx.) The principal items of Indian exports to Germany comprises of leather and leather products, textile goods, drugs, pharmaceuticals, fine chemicals, carpets, agricultural products and precious stones. Indian imports consist mainly of project goods, machinery, machine tools, chemicals, iron & steel products, transport equipments, professional instruments and optical goods.

(b) The Prime Minister's visit, which led to high level official and business contacts between the two sides, would create a favourable climate for further boosting trade with Germany.

(c) Some steps that have been taken to expand trade include participation in international trade fairs in Germany, intensified exchanges of business delegations, increosed focus on thrust items and the promotional activities of the Indo-German Export Promotion (IGEP).

Protection to Indian Industry

6288. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent Indian industries are receiving protection with reference to GATT and indigenous market;

(b) the details of Aggregate Measurement of Support which this secor has been enjoying;

(c) whether Indian industries have been the most protected sector in the world; and

(d) if so, the percentage of protection to this sector as compared to its value of production?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The Aggregate Measurement of Support is a concept applicable only to agriculture in the Uruguay Round and not to industry. India has bound tariffs on most raw materials, intermediates and capital goods at two rates, 25 per cent and 40 per cent. These have to be implemented within a period of

6 years from the date of coming into force of the World Trade Organisation Agreement resulting from the Uruguay Round.

Import of Milk Powder

6289. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of milk powder received as aid that has been imported during the last three years and price/rate at which this was imported;

(b) the price/rate at which this was sold; and

(c) to whom the money received as profit after sale of milk power has gone?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The import of milk powder received as aid during 1991-92 to 1993-94 and tranrfer value thereof are as under:—

Value : Rs. Lakhs

Year	EEC Food aid-Qty. in MT.	Transfer value Rs.	Total value
1991-92	Nil	Nil	Nil
1992-93	11994.48	46,000	5517.46
1993-94	2999.68	46,000	1379.86

(b) and (c) Milk powder is obtained under Operation Flood Project mainly to generate resources for dairy development activities and is not received with a motive of profit making.

Negative subsidies in Agricultural sector

6290. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3691 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th April, 1994 and state what will be the gain if the agricultural subsidies are brought to zero level?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): The Aggregate Meausrement of Support was calculated for the base period 1986-87 to 1988-89, for the specific purpose of arriving at reduction commitments in the Uruguay Round. In the case of India, the Aggregate Measurement of Support worked out to a negative figure in the base period 1986-89, because support prices of most agricultural commodities were below the international reference price during that period.

India's Export Shape in World Trade

6291. Shri BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the share of India's export in the World Trade;

(b) the share of other countries participating in GATT in the World Trade;

(c) which are the sectors in which our exports are expected to sshow a rise in the near future and to what extent; and

(d) the target countries to whom exports are likely to increase, commodity-wise and amount-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) India's share in the world exports during 1992 was 0.52 per cent.

(SOURCE: CMIE "World Economy & Indias place in it October, 1993).